NINTENDO POWER™

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The Comprehensive Game Pak Guide For The NES

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Key

We have included a great deal of information for each game in the Pak Source so, to make it easier to understand, we have put together this key. There is also an alphabetical index on pages 34 and 35 to help you locate any games. Since many games do not easily fit into one category or another, you may need the index to find a particular game. Also keep in mind that Power Meter ratings are assigned when the game is first released. Some of the first older games released may have been rated higher than they would be today, given the current competition.

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Power Meter

Ratings range from 1-5 (with 5 being the highest) in the following categories:

- Top: *Graphics & Sound*--Character and background graphics and background and special effects sounds.
- 2nd: *Play Control*--Initial feel and overall play control.
- 3rd: *Challenge*--Lasting interest and difficulty of play.
- 4th: *Theme, Fun*--Story line, thrill, excitement, overall enjoyment.

Game Pak Title

Category Color Code

- Sports
- Family
- R.O.B.
- Education/Brain
- Light Gun
- Arcade Classics
- Adventure
- R.P.G.
- Power Pad
- Action

Tetris

4.0
4.0
4.5
4.5

Actual Screen Photo

NIN/1P/-- **9/89**

Description of Game

As challenging as chess but much, much faster! Fit the falling blocks into rows and watch the points mount.

To start at a more difficult level, at the beginning choose Level 9 and hold A, then press Start.

Game Tip

3 Letter Company Code: In this case, NIN indicates that the game is a Nintendo title. Other company codes are listed on the back cover.

NIN/1P/-- Data Line **9/89**

Number of Players & Type of Play: This indicates that Tetris can be played by one person at a time. Some games have Simultaneous or Alternating play indicated by either an S or A following the number of players.

Continue & Save Feature Codes: Tetris has no Continue or Save feature, which is indicated by the dash. Other codes are as follows:

LC-Limited Continue	CON-Continue
PASS-Password	BATT-Battery

Release Date: Tetris was released during September, 1989. You should keep in mind that not all released games are currently stocked in all stores.

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Pak Source

The Comprehensive Guide To NES Game Paks

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Sports

Sports games for the NES bring the action home from the ball park, track, links and even the streets. Some give you control of one athlete while others make you the coach of an entire team. Unlike most adventure and action games, these games are based in everyday reality; in fact, the more real they are the better! With more than 50 sports games to choose from, there is something for everybody.

Al Unser Jr.'s Turbo Racing

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

DAT/1P/BATT 3/90

Formula-One racing's winningest dynasty endorses this turbo charged driving game. It features hot graphics, realistic play control and a battery to save your greatest races.

Use turbo wisely at the beginning of long straightaways and for final lap sprints, not on short straights.

All-Pro Basketball

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

VIC/2PS/PASS 12/89

Although the half court perspective makes this basketball game awkward to play at first, it does give the game a unique perspective.

As in most NES basketball games, the computer's players will almost always steal the ball if you get too close to them. Avoid this by passing frequently.

Baseball

3.5
3.5
3.5
4.0

NIN/2PS/-- 10/85

Nintendo's baseball simulation is simple compared to some of the newer baseball games, but because it's easy to play, it's good for beginners.

Avoid selecting teams "A," "C" and "P" because they have terrible defense. "D" and "R" are the best.

Baseball Simulator 1.000

3.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

CUL/2PS/BATT 3/90

You can play straight ball or power-up your team with a variety of miracle batting and pitching skills. For those who play baseball for fun.

Practice to learn more about batting skills. Some batters can hit a super pitch without using a miracle technique.

Baseball Stars

3.5
3.5
4.0
3.5

SNK/2PS/BATT 6/89

This game lets you customize your team and build it into a champion by buying or trading players. Lots of realistic management options.

Play against the Lovely Ladies when you are building up your team. Beating high prestige teams earns more cash for powering-up your players.

Bases Loaded

5.0
4.0
4.5
4.5

JAL/2PS/PASS 7/88

Bases Loaded features some of the best graphics and play control of all NES baseball games. Play an entire season and win 80 games to clinch the pennant.

To start a bean ball brawl, try hitting these players: Oko, Lynn, Frieda, Star, Warner, Fendy, Paste, Debro, Agua, Bacon, Marcus or Caras.

Bases Loaded II

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

JAL/2PS/PASS 2/90

The sequel to Bases Loaded gives a new view of the diamond and a unique player biorhythm feature which simulates streaks and slumps.

Keep close track of your player's biorhythm stats. When a player is in a slump, let him warm the bench and put in a pinch hitter.

Black Bass

3.0
2.5
2.5
3.0

HOT/1P/PASS 9/89

Catch loads of beautiful bass and other fish in the comfort of your own home. This game was designed with the help of pro fishermen.

Enter the name "HBMAX" and the depth master will indicate attractiveness. Keep the reading above 6. When a fish strikes, keep it below 12.

Blades of Steel

4.0
4.0
4.5
4.5

KON/2PS/PASS 12/88

If you're looking for fast hockey action with realistic graphics, this is the game for you. Choose from eight pro teams, each with its own strengths.

Once you have a lead, let the computer score, then take the puck and hide behind your goal. The computer player can't get to you and you can safely run down the clock for an easy win.

California Games

3.0
2.5
2.5
3.0

MIL/8PA/-- 3/89

Surfing, BMX Bicycling, Roller Skating, Skate Boarding, Frisbee and Foot Bag-- what else is there to do in California?

In roller skating it's best to slow down and avoid obstacles. Patience will produce more points and a longer run than reckless skating.

Challenge Pebble Beach

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

BAN/2PA/-- 2/88

This golf game lets you play on one of the world's most beautiful golf courses-- Pebble Beach! You can preview each hole in detail, including a side view.

The range on your wood clubs is: 1W 210-220 yds., 3W 190-200 yds.,and 4W 180-190 yds. Master the hook and slice shots to win.

Championship Bowling

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

ROM/4PA/-- 3/90

Strike! The first bowling game for the NES shows the action from two different angles. Set your handicap, enter your name and hit the lanes!

For a strike, set the angle slightly to the left or right, aim for the opposite side of the headpin and bowl the ball at full power.

Double Dribble

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

KON/2PS/-- 9/87

Even though Double Dribble was the first NES basketball game, it's still one of the best. The action is realistic and it has decent play control.

Player one can shoot three point shots for a higher percentage if the shot is taken from behind the line in the lower right part of the screen.

Dusty Diamond's All-Star Softball

2.5
3.5
2.5
2.5

BRO/2PS/-- 3/90

Pick your team from a variety of schoolyard scoundrels and play ball! Choose from several different playing fields, each with its own home rules.

Try to pick the best hitter first. You can always juggle your line-up before you start playing. The last guy you pick is your pitcher, so choose wisely.

Excitebike

3.5
4.0
3.5
3.5

NIN/2PA/-- 10/85

Motocross excitement with five ranks of difficulty and five killer courses to choose from! You can also design your own track using 18 super obstacles.

If you fall off your bike during a race, press the A and B Buttons rapidly to quickly remount and continue the race.

Goal!

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

JAL/2PS/PASS 10/89

Dribble, pass, shoot and score in this super soccer game. Goal! has a wide variety of teams to choose from and three play modes.

Passing is important in the later rounds. Pass the ball quickly to your best forward, then shoot, hooking the ball past the goalie.

Golf

3.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

NIN/2PS/-- 10/85

The original NES golf game gives you a beautiful 18 hole course and a bag of pro clubs to choose from. Compete against a friend or the CPU in match play.

Before swinging, check your wind speed and apply strength accordingly. You have some time, so carefully plan shots for best results.

Hoops

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

JAL/2PS/PASS 6/89

Hoops takes basketball to the asphalt courts of the big city. Colorful characters with unique playing styles liven up this street B-ball game.

Release the ball after jumping or you'll be called for travelling. Master dribbling to avoid turnovers.

Ice Hockey

3.0
3.5
4.0
3.5

NIN/2PS/-- 3/88

Get ready for some fast skating and high scoring action in this game! Choose your players to create your own team.

Hold down the A and B Buttons on both controllers and then press Start on controller one to play without goalies in a one-player game.

John Elway's Quarterback

2.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

TRA/2PS/-- 3/89

This football game offers you many passing options, which is to be expected, considering who endorses it.

Use the mobility of the quarterback to your advantage. Remember that you can pass any time as long as the QB remains behind the line of scrimmage, so drop back a long way.

Jordan VS Bird: One-on-One

3.0
3.0
2.0
2.5

MIL/2PS/-- 8/89

This one-on-one basketball game features two of the sport's most popular players in a variety of shooting contests.

Jordan can almost always get by Bird's defense for a quick inside shot. On the other hand, Bird will make the three pointer when he's open.

Kings of the Beach

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.5

ULT/4PS/-- 12/89

Here's a great beach volleyball game that is compatible with the new four player accessories. Jump, set, spike and do the Kong Block to bury your opponents!

When playing the computer, mix up your bump and set routine to create an opening for a spike. For instance, spike on the second hit.

Lee Trevino's Fighting Golf

3.0
3.0
4.0
3.5

SNK/4PA/-- 9/88

The most challenging NES golf game. You can pick from four players, each with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. Radical 3-D view!

Although Super Mex is the best player, Pretty Amy is the easiest to control, especially for beginners. Big Jumbo is difficult to play.

Lunar Pool

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

FCI/2PA/-- 10/87

A high-tech variation on billiards with 60 different table configurations to choose from. Alter gravity and play against yourself, a friend, or the computer.

Perfection is the key to racking up points in Lunar Pool. Plan your shots so you sink at least one ball per turn.

Magic Johnson's Fast Break

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

TRA/4PS/-- 3/90

Two-on-two basketball action starring Magic Johnson as your personal coach. Four can play simultaneously with four player accessories such as the NES satellite.

After the computer makes a shot, send your out man to the other net and toss him the ball. It's an easy throw and he'll be wide open for a shot.

...Major Championship Golf

3.5
3.0
3.0
2.5

KON/4PA/-- 2/90

One of the best players in the history of the game, Jack Nicklaus invites you to play his eighteen favorite holes of all time in "Jack Nicklaus's Greatest 18 Holes Of Major Championship Golf."

Concentrate on one hole at a time while playing the Skins game. It's more important to win individual holes than to have a better overall score.

Major League Baseball

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

LJN/2PS/-- 4/88

Pick from 26 real Major League teams and create your own batting order. This game features pretty good pitching control. A would-be manager's dream!

The teams that are better in real life, like the New York Yankees, are better in this game also, but with good strategy, you can win with any team.

Mike Tyson's Punch-Out!!

4.5
4.5
4.5
4.5

NIN/1P/PASS 10/87

Have you got what it takes to box with the best? You'll have to work your way through 13 bruising contenders to the dream bout with Mike Tyson!

Enter the passkey 940 861 8538 to go straight to Super Macho Man with a 99-0 record.

M.U.S.C.L.E.

2.0
2.0
2.0
2.0

BAN/2PS/-- 10/86

One of the first wrestling games for the NES, it simulates a tag-team wrestling contest. The play is simple so it's good for younger mat rats.

Tag your partner when you're low on energy. There isn't a lot of subtlety in this game, although attacking from behind produces good results.

N.F.L. Football

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

LJN/2PS/-- 9/89

The game play on N.F.L. Football is slower than other football games, but is more strategy oriented. Pick from actual N.F.L. teams.

If you pass the ball back and forth behind the line of scrimmage (like a repeating reverse play) you can make time for your receivers to get open.

Pro Wrestling

3.5
3.0
4.0
4.0

NIN/2PS/LC 3/87

A variety of exotic wrestlers, each with his own specialty moves, make this a great wrestling simulation. Fun to play against a friend.

To beat the Great Puma, soften him up in the ring, then throw him out. Keep him out of the ring, but climb back in yourself before the ten count.

Racket Attack

3.5
3.5
3.5
4.0

JAL/2PS/PASS 10/88

Travel around the country to gain the tennis crown. The game offers lots of options: 16 different players and three court surfaces.

There isn't a real dominant player in the game, although Eagle is good. Rush the net immediately after the serve and block the return.

Rad Racer

3.5
4.0
4.0
3.5

NIN/1P/CON 10/87

Eight different courses, from San Francisco to Greece, will challenge the driving skills of even the "radest" racer. Choose a Ferrari 328 or a F1 Racer as your driving dream machine.

To continue on the same track you left off on, hold down the A Button while you press Start. Find the fastest car and follow it to avoid traffic.

R.C. Pro-Am

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

NIN/1P/-- 2/88

Skid around corners and race bumper to bumper! Radio controlled action on 32 tracks. Collect items to customize your car.

To blow up cars behind you with missiles, hit an oil slick and you'll spin around. Fire your missiles while you're facing backwards. This strategy is useful when you don't have bombs.

Ring King

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

DAT/2PS/PASS 9/87

Through hard training and tough boxing, you might be able to make it to the World Title Match. Spar with the computer or with a friend.

When the letter P appears in the ring, grab it quickly. It will give you extra Power Points to power-up with between bouts.

Side Pocket

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

DAT/2PS/-- 11/87

Quit talkin' and start chalkin'! Side Pocket is as close as you can get to a professional billiards tournament in your own home.

If there is a star over the pocket, shoot the ball into that pocket for a bonus.

Slalom

3.0
3.5
2.5
2.5

NIN/1P/-- 3/87

Challenge 24 treacherous slopes full of hill hogging skiiers, kids on sleds and icy obstacles. This downhill competition will chill your funny bone.

Sometimes you can get a little extra time for your run if you rapidly press the A and B Buttons when your time is up.

Soccer

2.5
2.5
3.0
3.0

NIN/2PS/-- 3/87

The original NES simulation of the world's most popular team sport. Somewhat slow paced but still interesting and fun to play. Great for beginners!

Always concentrate on controlling the goalie when the other player is near your goal, otherwise you won't be ready to block the shot.

Super Dodge Ball

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

CSG/2PS/-- 6/89

Play dodgeball against a friend or the computer in the schoolyard or in exotic locations around the world. Wherever you play, get ready for rock 'em, sock 'em action.

You can make a jumping Power Throw from the back line. Run towards the back line and just before reaching it, jump, turn back and throw.

Super Off Road

3.0
2.5
2.5
3.0

TRA/4PS/-- 1/90

This game is a faithful adaptation of the arcade hit. Play with up to four players using the NES Satellite or Four Score controller. Customize your truck with the money you win.

Collect or purchase as much Nitro as you can; use it only in the straightaway and in the final run for the finish.

Super Spike V'Ball

4.0
3.5
3.5
4.0

NIN/4PS/-- 3/90

Beach Volleyball-- two per team on a sand court-- is set to bump up to the big time! Choose from four pairs of volleyball hunks. Four player simultaneous play is possible with a four player adapter.

It's best to block a Super Spike away from the net. That way you'll have time to recover if the ball blasts you off your feet.

Tag Team Wrestling

2.0
2.0
2.5
2.5

DAT/2PS/-- 10/86

Choose from two awesome wrestling tag teams. Use team work to win 35 title matches and wrestle the trophy from the champions.

Gain energy when out of the ring by knocking down your opponent and then running around while pressing the A and B Buttons.

Tecmo Baseball

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

TEC/2PS/PASS 1/89

Tecmo Baseball has a password feature which allows you to play a whole season. It also gives you statistics when each game is over.

Fielding the ball in Tecmo Baseball can be tricky, but once you get used to it, it's easy. Always use big league strategy.

Tecmo Bowl

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

TEC/2PS/PASS 2/89

Ease of play and fast action make this the best received NES football game so far. Features real pro players like Walter Payton and Bo Jackson.

To raise your chances of getting an interception, pick a run defense and then cover the receivers with your fastest defensive player.

Tecmo World Wrestling

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

TEC/2PS/-- 3/90

No holds are barred in Tecmo's entry into the wrestling ring. Each wrestler has specialty moves and an annoucer describes every throw.

If you have it, use your Advantage to your advantage. Activate turbo power and build up two strength levels during each training session.

10-Yard Fight

2.0
2.5
3.0
3.0

NIN/2PS/-- 10/85

Although this game doesn't have the options of newer NES football games, if you're a fan of the running game, you might like it.

When the computer player is running along the sideline, dive towards him, even if you're far away. He will run out of bounds.

Tennis

2.5
3.0
3.5
3.0

NIN/2PS/-- 10/85

It's time to hit the courts! This game has all the strokes of the pros-- forehand, backhand, smash or lob. Five skill levels.

In lower levels you can usually slam the volley back at the computer by rushing the net and hitting the ball. This will score almost every time.

Top Players Tennis

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.5

ASM/4PS/-- 1/90

The latest and most advanced NES tennis game. Each player has great miracle moves and with a four player adapter, four can play video doubles.

Listen to the advice of the pros. Their words of wisdom can really help you win some matches, which allows you to power-up your player.

Town & Country Surf Design

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

LJN/2PA/-- 2/88

Rip it up in the Street Skate Session or rage in the Big Wave Encounter with "Da Boys." Cartoon-like action in California.

Mastering the "ollie" is essential for jumping over obstacles in the Skate Session. If you have the Max or Advantage, use turbo B to skate fast, but be careful.

Track & Field

3.0
3.0
4.0
3.0

KON/2PS/-- 4/87

Eight grueling Olympic track and field events, from archery to the triple jump, will test your timing, speed, aim, reflexes and muscle.

Throw the javelin at an 80 degree or greater angle and you will break a lamp off the top of the stadium for 3,000 points.

Track & Field II

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

KON/2PS/PASS 2/89

This colorful sequel to the first Track & Field game has bigger and better graphics and new, challenging events.

To set a world record in the Hammer Throw, make the toss when your power is very low, but release when the angle is exactly 80 degrees.

Volleyball

3.0
2.0
3.0
3.0

NIN/2PS/-- 3/87

Classic six players per side volleyball. There are seven computer teams to challenge you, or you can play against a friend.

Play control can be difficult; this game takes plenty of practice and skill to master. Watch the shadow of the ball.

Winter Games

2.5
2.5
2.5
3.0

ACC/2PA/-- 9/87

Speed skating, ski jumping, figure skating and bobsled racing-- all the greatest winter sports are here. Go for the gold and don't catch cold!

Rhythm is more important than speed in the Speed Skating event. Work up your power level with an even, rocking motion on the controller.

World Championship Wrestling

3.5
3.0
2.5
3.0

FCI/2PS/PASS 3/90

Have some wrasslin' fun with Lex Luger, Rickey Steamboat, the Road Warriors and other radical wrestlers of the NWA!

While playing against the computer, go for a takedown after 15 seconds outside of the ring. Your opponent could be too shaken to get back in before time runs out.

World Games

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

MIL/8PA/-- 2/89

Some of the world's most unusual and challenging sports are collected in this Game Pak, from Sumo Wrestling to Bull Riding.

In the Brahma Bull ride, each animal has its own individual characteristics. Get to know and anticipate their moves.

Wrestlemania

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.5

ACC/2PS/-- 2/89

Ever dream of being Hulk Hogan? Well, you can be the Hulk or five other WWF wrestlers in this no-holds-barred wrestling game.

Get the wrestler's symbol when it goes across the ring for a quick power-up. Hulk and Andre the Giant are the best wrestlers in this game.

SPORTS

In all sports games, the computer is programmed to be a tough opponent, especially in the higher difficulty levels. Don't get discouraged if it takes you many games before you're able to beat the CPU opponent. Although it may seem at times that the computer "cheats," any situation can be gotten through with good game play, and that just takes practice.

Family

The entire family can join in the fun with these games, many of which are based on popular TV game shows. Most allow at least two or three person simultaneous play and feature quiz type formats. There are even Junior editions with questions designed for younger players. Here the prize does not go to the quickest thumb in the West, but to the best trivia buff. If you already know everything there is to know, you'll do well in these games.

Anticipation

4.0
3.0
3.0
3.5

NIN/4PS/-- 12/88

The computer sketches a picture while you try to guess what it is. Three levels of skill test the quickness and imagination of you and your friends.

Use strategy to move your marker to the colored square you need. Wait until the die flips to the number that will reach the color, then buzz in.

Double Dare

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

GAM/2PS/-- 3/90

Compete in wacky contests just like on the popular TV show. The major difference is that with this game there's no mess to clean up.

If you find yourself facing a big ape armed only with bananas, try throwing the bananas into the ape's paw.

Hollywood Squares

3.0
4.0
3.0
3.5

GAM/2PS/-- 9/89

Agree or disagree with the stars, they are the key to Hollywood Squares. Match your wits against witty video celebrities and pick the Secret Square.

After the celebrity gives a "smart" answer, be sure to read the real answer that appears below the host. You may be agreeing to the wrong thing.

Jeopardy

4.0
4.0
3.5
3.5

GAM/3PS/-- 9/88

Test your knowledge in categories covering movies, sports and many others. Like the TV game show, set your bet for Final Jeopardy.

If you're confident in a category, "buzz in" as soon as an answer appears. You'll have 30 seconds or more to think it over.

Jeopardy Jr.

3.5
4.0
3.5
4.0

GAM/3PS/-- 12/89

This Junior version contains all the excitement of the original game and the game show on TV, but younger players have the advantage.

During Final Jeopardy bet everything! Since there is no real money at stake you might as well shoot for the moon. Chances are your friends will.

Remote Control

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

HIT/2PS/-- 3/90

The irreverent humor, wacky television and music trivia and goofy contestants capture the spirit of the hit MTV game show.

You'll need to know your trivia to win at this one. Some of the questions will challenge even the most advanced couch potato super genius.

Taboo

3.5
3.0
2.0
2.5

TRA/1P/-- 4/89

Glimpse the future with this technological simulation of the mystical arts. Tell your friends' fortunes, then read your own.

Taboo is meant strictly for fun, so don't take it too seriously. No one can guarantee the future. If you don't like your fortune, just do it again.

Vegas Dream

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

HAL/2PA/BAT 3/90

Enter the world of high stakes gambling. You can take part in Blackjack, Roulette, the Slots, Keno and place a few bets on the side, too.

While playing Roulette, bet on several spots for every spin of the wheel. The payoff will be smaller but you'll greatly increase your chances of winning.

Wheel of Fortune

4.0
4.0
3.5
3.5

GAM/3PS/-- 9/88

Buy your vowels and guess the rest while solving phrase puzzles just like the popular TV game show. This version is for the entire family.

Because the puzzles come up at random you may find them repeating. If so, push RESET between games to bring up a new puzzle.

Wheel of Fortune Family Edition

3.5
4.0
3.0
3.5

GAM/3PS/-- 3/90

Third in the family of GameTek Wheel of Fortune games, the Family Edition has something for every age and interest. Three compete at one time.

Wheel of Fortune Jr.

4.0
4.5
3.0
4.0

GAM/3S/-- 12/89

More fast wheeling fun, but the puzzles in this version are for younger players. Spin the wheel and compete at three different levels

Win, Lose or Draw

2.5
3.0
2.5
3.0

HIT/2PS/PASS 2/90

This is a neat adaptation of the game show, with all the same features except for celebrities to help you out

R.O.B.

R.O.B. stands for Robotic Operating Buddy, an accessory once included with certain NES sets. The idea was to provide an interactive medium between the TV screen and player. In the two robot games listed below, R.O.B. is controlled by the player while the robot's actions affect gameplay on the screen. Sound confusing? It was. A lot of people didn't understand how it worked. (Don't expect to find R.O.B. or these games in the store. Nintendo has no plans to produce future games for R.O.B.)

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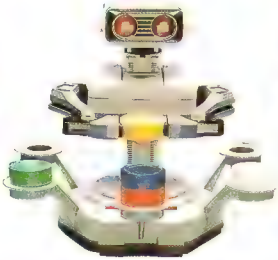
2.5
3.5

With the help of your Robotic Operating Buddy, you can assist Professor Hector in defusing all the bombs in his laboratory.



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This game involves stacking up colored blocks to match patterns shown on the screen. Four play modes and the use of ROB add to the challenge.

Setting up R.O.B. can be tricky, especially if you've just purchased him at a garage sale and he didn't come with a manual. Three easy tests can determine if your R.O.B. is functional:

TEST 1: Turn on the on/off switch. If R.O.B. doesn't move at all, or moves very slowly, he needs new batteries. If he has fresh batteries and does not move to the right and up as he opens and closes his hands, his mechanism may be broken. Check the batteries again just to make sure.

TEST 2: Line up R.O.B. directly in front of the TV screen at a distance based on the size of your TV screen:

8 in. screen--	10 to 12 in. away
13 in. screen--	1 1/2 to 3 feet away
19 in. screen--	2 to 3 feet away
25 in. screen--	2 1/2 to 3 feet away
Over 25 in. screen--	R.O.B. won't work unless modified

Turn on the game and select TEST mode with the Select Button on the controller. Activate the test by pressing Start. The screen will say TEST and flash green. Adjust the brightness control on your TV until R.O.B.'s light blinks with the flashing of the TV. If R.O.B. fails this test, make sure there is no glare reflecting off the TV screen. You might also try the R.O.B. at different distances from the TV.

TEST 3: Select the DIRECT mode by pressing the Select Button and then press Start to activate. The screen will show a box and will wait for commands. R.O.B.'s light should be solid red. When you press various buttons on the controller, R.O.B. should respond and the screen should display the commands you are giving. If R.O.B. does not function at this point, try him at different distances from the TV, adjusting the brightness. If you still have difficulty getting your R.O.B. to play with you, give Nintendo Consumer Service a call at 1-800-255-3700. A Representative will be happy to give you further assistance.

Education/Brain

Educational/Brain games challenge your mind in ways that are fun and fascinating. Traditional strategy games such as chess or Othello can take a lifetime to master, while educational games that teach the basics of reading and writing help prepare young players to win at life. Other games are mind-boggling puzzles, some of them disguised as adventures. Remember, though, you must provide your own thinking cap.

Adventures of Lolo

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

Brave Prince Lolo must rescue Princess Lala from a Haunted Castle full of puzzling rooms and death trap mazes. A great logic testing game.

Adventures of Lolo 2

3.5
4.0
3.5
4.0

Lolo's back with more dastardly puzzles to tax your brain! They start out easy, but look out! The later ones would give Einstein a headache.

Archon

3.5
3.0
4.0
4.0

What would you get if you combined the strategy of chess with an adventure game like Link? You might get Archon, which does that and more.

Castlequest

2.5
2.0
2.5
3.0

Prince Rafael must solve puzzles and elude bad knights and attack cats through 100 maze like rooms. Special Reset and Back modes help out.

The Chessmaster

3.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

The game that has fascinated mankind s greatest minds for centuries comes to the NES Special options allow you to review and take back moves.

Donkey Kong Jr. Math

2.5
2.5
2.0
3.0

This time the big ape is your friend, swinging between chains of numbers that you add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Fisher Price: I Can Remember

3.0
3.5
2.5
3.0

Uncover panels and match the toys hidden beneath. This game helps develop memory skills. Higher levels increase the number of matches.

Fisher Price: Perfect Fit

3.0
3.5
2.5
3.0

In this learning game for preschoolers, match objects, shapes and letters to their silhouettes within a given time. On the advanced stages, flip objects to make them fit.

Othello

3.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

Othello combines the quickness of checkers with the strategy of chess, backgammon and Go. They say it takes a moment to learn, but a lifetime to master!

Sesame Street 123

4.0
4.0
2.5
4.0

Grover teaches the fundamentals of addition and subtraction. The graphics are great and there is an extra matching game--Ernie's Magic Shapes.

Sesame Street ABC

4.0
4.0
3.0
4.0

Six games teach letter recognition and help develop reading and spelling skills. Sesame St. characters and great graphics make it fun.

Solomon's Key

3.0
3.0
3.5
4.0

In this puzzle game with action elements, you help Dana solve the puzzle of 50 rooms. Create stairways and traps or evade monsters with magic blocks.

Tetris

4.0
4.0
4.5
4.5

As challenging as chess but much, much faster! Fit the falling blocks into rows and watch the points mount.

SOME TIPS ON LOCATING HARD-TO-FIND GAME PAKS

To make the Pak Source as complete as possible, we have included every NES game made, starting with the first titles of October 1985 to the most recent games of March 1990. This includes games that were produced some time ago and are no longer scheduled for production. Although some older games are still available, you can generally assume that if a game is over two years old, it will be difficult if not impossible to find. Sometimes, however, there will be that one classic game that you absolutely have to have, but you can't find in any of your local stores.

If you would like help locating a certain game, call Nintendo Consumer Service at 1-800-255-3700. A Representative can do a computerized store search and suggest stores that carry Nintendo merchandise in your area that you may not have checked yet. Individual licensee companies may also have information on the availability of titles they produce.

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Light Gun

Games for the Zapper Light Gun require a sharp eye and quick reflexes. You actually become part of the action, and the action ranges from quick draw games to mysteries. A few games even utilize both the Zapper and regular controls, but most are strictly target oriented. If your trigger finger is itchy, these games will scratch it.

Duck Hunt

4.0
4.5
3.5
3.5

NIN/ZPR/-- 10/85

The hunting season has just begun and you and your trusty dog are out in the field. While your pooch spooks 'em, you get three shots to shoot 'em.

Freedom Force

3.5
3.5
3.0
2.5

SUN/ZPR/-- 5/88

Thugs have taken over a jetliner and it's up to you to exercise your crack shooting skills to pick them off. Don't hit hostages!

Gotcha!

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

LIN/ZPR/-- 11/87

Your Zapper becomes a paint pellet gun in this exciting game of capture the flag. Zap opponents in a variety of settings.

Gumshoe

3.0
2.5
3.0
2.5

NIN/1P/CON 6/86

Help R L Stevenson rescue his kidnapped daughter from the Fiendish grip of King Dom Four dangerous levels test your shooting skills.

Hogan's Alley

3.5
4.0
3.5
3.5

NIN/1P/-- 10/85

On this F B I pistol range targets appear and flip giving you only a second to decide if they re gangsters or innocent bystanders.

Shooting Range

3.5
3.0
2.5
3.0

BAN/4PA/-- 7/89

This one abounds with play options and locations from a western desert to a haunted house Bonus stages let you rack up points

To The Earth

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

NIN/1P/-- 4/90

Turn your Zapper into a high powered spaceship cannon with this outer space shooting contest set in the year 2050.

Wild Gunman

3.5
4.0
2.5
3.0

NIN/1P/-- 10/85

Wild West gunslingers always had to be wary of others who wanted to find out who was fastest. Take a taste of the old West in this contest.

ZAPPER TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Troubleshoot your Zapper Light Gun thouroughly if it seems to be malfunctioning. Adjust the contrast and brightness of your TV as the Light Gun may require different settings than those you use to watch normal TV. The best way to adjust your TV is to play the game while another person does the tuning. Be sure the Zapper is plugged into Port Two on the NES. Check to see if outside light sources are reflecting off the screen. Turn off or dim the lights in the room and close the curtains or draw the blinds. Is anything stuck in the Zapper's barrel?

If you still seem to be having difficulty getting your Zapper to work properly, call

Arcade

Video games first gained popularity in the arcades with imaginative games like Nintendo's Donkey Kong. In fact, arcade hits are still a great source of inspiration for NES titles. Now, with the sophisticated circuitry of the NES, many of those same classic arcade games can be yours. From pinball to Mario, Arcade games offer fast fun and the chance to ring up super scores. Not all games that have appeared in coin-operated format appear here; this section mainly covers those that became classics in the arcades.

Arkanoid

3.5
4.0
4.0
3.5

TAI/2PA/CON 8/87

Destroy walls with an energy ball by bouncing the ball against the barriers using strategic movement of your "Bar" controller.

Bubble Bobble

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

TAI/2PS/PASS 12/88

Two little buddies, Bub and Bob, blow magic bubbles to get rid of their troubles. But they need to hubba hubba to beat Baron von Blubba

Burgertime

2.0
2.5
2.0
2.5

DAT/2PA/-- 5/87

It's not just a food fight, it's a food war Chef Pepper must contend with unruly food and condiments attempting to stop him from making burgers

Defender II

2.0
3.5
3.5
3.0

HAL/2PA/-- 12/88

Defend your people from capture by the descending swarm of Mutant Landers, while you avoid the threat of annihilation yourself.

Dig Dug II

2.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

BAN/2PA/CON 12/89

Dig Dug is back! This time his island vacation has been ruined by Frygar and friends. Get ready for Pooka popping action!

Donkey Kong

3.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

NIN/2PA/-- 6/86

This arcade classic will drive you ape. Guide Mario to the top of the hazardous construction site to rescue Pauline from Donkey Kong.

Donkey Kong Classics

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

NIN/2PA/-- 9/88

This Game Pak doubles your playing pleasure with two games for the price of one-- the original Donkey Kong and Donkey Kong Jr.

Donkey Kong Jr.

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

NIN/2PA/-- 6/86

Poor misunderstood Donkey Kong, Mario has gone crazy and locked him up in a big cage! Only his son Junior can rescue him from Mario's trap.

Donkey Kong 3

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

NIN/2PA/-- 6/86

Stanley the bug man has his hands full with a greenhouse full of pesky critters, including the most bothersome pest of all, Donkey Kong!

Elevator Action

2.0
3.0
2.0
3.0

TAI/2PA/-- 8/87

You have only your karate skills and trusty revolver to get you through the heavily guarded enemy headquarters in this action game.

Galaga

3.0
4.0
3.5
3.0

BAN/2PA/-- 9/88

Try to stay alive against endless waves of Galaga attackers in this deep space shoot-em-up. Skill and endurance will allow you to survive.

Gyruss

4.0
4.0
3.5
4.0

ULT/2PA/-- 1/88

A futuristic Genghis Khan has taken over the solar system with a fleet of space raiders. Liberate the nine planets and the Sun from his iron grip!

Heavy Barrel

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.0

DAT/2PS/-- 3/90

A military mission shoot-em-up game which has Ikari Warriors type game play with great graphics. Find the pieces of the Heavy Barrel.

Joust

3.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

HAL/2PS/-- 10/88

The Knights of Hyperspace joust to the death on flying Space Ostriches. Only the quick will survive the Shadowlords' attack.

Karate Champ

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

DAT/2PS/-- 11/86

Challenge a friend or the computer for the World Karate Championship. Battle through nine picturesque and dangerous scenes.

Lode Runner

2.5
3.5
3.5
4.0

BRO/2PA/-- 9/87

Jump, climb and drill your way through stone floors and barriers of a puzzling maze to recover stolen gold from the evil Bungling Empire.

Mappyland

2.5
2.5
3.0
2.5

TAX/1P/-- 4/89

Mappy the police mouse must retrieve his fiancee's wedding ring from the thieving Guchi Gang. Maze-like action through eight storybook lands.

Marble Madness

4.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

MIL/2PS/-- 2/89

Marble Munchers, Steelies and Slimes will block your way to the goal as you try to maneuver your mad marble through maniac mazes!

Mario Bros.

3.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

NIN/2PS/-- 6/86

When pests come pouring out of your basement drains, who you gonna call? Mario Brothers! Two player simultaneous fun.

Millipede

2.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

HAL/2PA/-- 10/88

Giant insects are running wild in the enchanted forest. Only one brave fighter armed with magic arrows can stop the giant millipede

Operation Wolf

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.0

TAI/1P/LC 3/89

This hostage rescue mission will really test your marksmanship and reflexes. You can play with the Zapper or a regular controller.

Paperboy

2.5
3.0
2.5
3.0

MIN/2PA/-- 12/88

You have the toughest paper route in the city. Will you make it into the paperboy hall of fame or will you wimp out and retire?

Pinbot

4.5
4.0
3.5
4.0

NIN/4PA/-- 3/90

This dazzling NES version of the hit arcade video pinball game captures the action, color and excitement of real pinball.

Popeye

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

NIN/2PA/-- 6/86

Brutus and the Sea Hag conspire to keep Popeye away from his lady love Olive Oyl. Catch Olive's tokens of affection to prove your devotion.

Q*Bert

3.0
2.5
2.5
2.5

ULT/2PA/LC 1/88

Q*Bert is trapped in a time warp where the laws of physics do not apply. What's worse, strange creatures there want to eat him for lunch!

Rampage

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

DAT/2PS/CON 12/88

It's the ultimate monster mash! As George the Ape or Lizzy the Lizard, go on a rampage and trash the buildings of 128 U.S. cities.

Roadblasters

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

MIN/1P/-- 1/90

In this arcade classic, you drive your mean dream machine down the deadly streets of the future, blasting anything that gets in your way.

Spy Hunter

3.0
4.0
3.5
3.5

SUN/1P/-- 9/87

Every secret agent on the road is out to get you. But you are the spy hunter, and with your super car, you might just get them first.

Xenophobe

2.5
2.0
2.0
2.5

SUN/2PS/-- 12/88

Aliens are invading space stations throughout the solar system. It's up to a crack team of Xeno hunters to clear the stations.

Xevious

3.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

BAN/2PA/-- 9/88

Brave Solvalou fighter, attack Xevious and bring honor to yourself and your people! Beware of the Ando Ageanesis Floating Fortress!

Adventure

There is no one single characteristic shared by all Adventure games except that in each you have a mission or quest of some kind. The quests are as varied as human imagination, but most involve defeating a particularly nasty foe after overcoming numerous hardships. Adventure games are balanced between Action and R.P.G.s--with more role playing than Action games and more action than R.P.G.s. Like classic adventures from literature, these games set you in worlds of dark peril or whimsical fantasy. You can stand and fight, or run away to fight another day.

Abadox

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

A planet eating creature is heading toward Earth and you must find a way to stop it. Blast off for a strange journey to the heart of the beast.

Astyanax

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.0

A young man is sent to an ancient world as the only hope against sinister forces. He has special unknown powers. He is Astyanax.

Batman

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.5

High above Gotham City, Batman begins his five stage journey to take on the city's new crime boss, the Joker.

The Battle of Olympus

3.5
3.0
4.0
4.0

The land of Arcadia is under siege by mythical monsters. It's up to you to enlist the help of mighty powers and save Arcadia.

Bionic Commando

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.5

Your old friend, Super Joe, has been captured behind enemy lines. Seek him out and uncover the mysteries of the enemy's secret plan.

Blaster Master

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.0

A world of radioactive beings awaits in this eight-stage thriller. Power up your Rover with special weapons and take on the mutants.

A Boy And His Blob

3.5
3.0
3.0
4.0

ABS/TC 1/90

Welcome to Blobolonia. A pack full of jellybeans and a hungry Blob who changes into useful shapes help you solve the puzzles ahead.

Casino Kid

3.5
4.0
3.0
3.5

SOB/TP/PASS 9/89

This game offers more than just computerized poker and blackjack simulations, it also contains some elements of role playing.

Castlevania II: Simon's Quest

4.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

KON/TP/PASS 11/88

The brave warrior, Simon, has put Count Dracula to rest. Now he must see that the Count never returns.

Clash at Demonhead

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

VIC/TP/PASS 12/89

Billy "Big Bang" Blitz has the impossible mission of rescuing the kidnapped Professor from the insane mountain hideout known as Demonhead.

Dash Galaxy in the Alien Asylum

3.0
2.0
2.5
3.0

DAT/TP/— 3/90

Dash Galaxy, intrepid space explorer, must escape from the puzzling Alien Asylum. Steer him through alien infested areas and help him reach his goal.

Deadly Towers

2.5
2.0
2.7
3.0

BRO/TP/PASS 5/87

An incredible and challenging quest awaits Prince Meyer--to find and defeat the evil King Rubas before the world is lost in shadow.

Dinowarz

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.5

BAN/TP/PASS [illegible]

The seven Spondylus planets are under siege by mechanical beasts. With his new Cyborasaurus Professor Proteus is the universe's only hope.

Dr. Chaos

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.5

[illegible]/TP/PASS 11/86

The brilliant Dr. Chaos is lost in the Space/Time Continuum and it's up to his brother, Michael, to save him.

Dragon Power

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

BAN/TP/CON 3/88

Collect the magic crystals from sinister forces through ten challenging stages before they use the crystals to take over the world.

Disney's Duck Tales

4.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

CAP/TP/— [illegible]

Travel to the far corners of the Earth with the world's richest duck and take on a wacky group of foes in search of treasure.

Faxanadu

4.0
4.0
4.5
4.0

NIN/TP/PASS [illegible]

The World Tree, which gives life to your small Elven village, has been taken over by the Evil One and you have the task of getting it back.

Friday the 13th

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

LIN/TP/— [illegible]

There have been some strange disappearances at Crystal Lake and it's up to you to find out what's going on. Could Jason be up to his same old tricks?

Ghostbusters

2.5
2.0
2.5
2.5

A nasty group of ghouls headed by a devilish creature named Gozer is taking over the city. Only the Ghostbusters can put an end to this threat

Ghostbusters II

3.0
2.5
2.5
2.5

They're back at it again, cleaning up pesky poltergeists while avoiding being slimed. Whether you're on foot or behind the wheel, the ghosts keep coming!

Golgo 13: Top Secret Episode

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.0

Secret agent Golgo 13, also known as Duke Togo, must learn the truth about the mysterious FIXER organization and he'll travel the world to find it

The Goonies II

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.5

Secret passages, traps and plenty of enemies headed by the notorious Fratelli family wait for Mikey as he sets out to save his friends

The Guardian Legend

4.5
4.0
4.5
4.0

A space station is on a collision course for Earth. Unless someone invades it now and rids it of the alien menace, the planet is sure to be destroyed

Hydlide

2.0
3.0
2.0
2.5

Venture to Fairyland, a strange world with Sand Worms, Dragons and, of course, Fairies in a quest to rid the world of a mysterious force.

IronSword

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

The wizard Malkil threatens to send the world into darkness with his evil assembly of Elementals. Kuros must defeat him once and for all

Kid Icarus

4.0
3.5
3.5
4.0

The goddess Medusa is wreaking havoc in the far away land of Angels and the task of stopping her has come upon the brave Angel Pitt

Legacy of the Wizard

3.5
2.5
3.0
3.0

A family of fighters, descendants of a wise old wizard, band together to defeat a dragon that has awakened from the wizard's spell

The Legend of Zelda

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.0

The adventure begins! A young hero named Link ventures to save the captured princess, Zelda, from the grasp of evil forces through two huge quests.

Magic of Scheherazade

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

Fight through four different worlds to the palaces of demons and bring peace back to Arabia. The evil Magician Sabaron, awaits.

Mega Man

3.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

Monsteropolis is in ruins. The sinister Dr. Wily is ruling with his army of evil mechanoids. Mega Man, you're our only hope!

Mega Man II

5.0
4.5
4.5
4.5

Dr. Wily is back and bigger than ever. This time he has eight new robotic warriors and a castle full of drones. Get moving Mega Man!

Metal Gear

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

Reports say that the Metal Gear is a giant tank with incredible power. Solid Snake must see that it never leaves enemy headquarters.

Metroid

5.0
4.5
5.0
5.0

The most awesome space warrior ever, Samus Aran, must infiltrate the hideout of the Mother Brain and save Planet Zebes from annihilation.

Milon's Secret Castle

3.0
2.5
2.5
2.5

Explore the four floors of a mysterious Castle and free the people of the land from a force that has captured the kingdom's instruments

Ninja Gaiden

4.5
4.0
4.5
4.5

Ryu, a young Ninja trained by his father, travels around the world to discover the mystery behind his father's disappearance.

Rambo

3.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

There are hostages held deep in the jungle and John Rambo has taken it upon himself to find them and take them back to safety.

River City Ransom

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

The high school bully is causing trouble and he's got a gang of thugs spreading the word. C'mon Alex and Ryan! Show 'em what you've got.

Robo Warrior

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

Invaders from the Xantho Empire have taken over Earth's sister planet and the last of the Robo Warriors, ZED, is on his way to save the planet.

Rygar

4.0
3.5
3.5
4.0

A flying castle filled with evil creatures has appeared in the land of Argool. The brave warrior Rygar must enter the castle and take on the creatures inside.

Strider

4.5
3.0
4.0
4.0

Hiryu, the best of the elite Strider corps has been given the task of unlocking the secret behind the disappearance of his friend and fellow agent.

Super Mario Bros. 2

4.5
4.0
5.0
5.0

Join Mario, Luigi, Princess Toadstool and Toad on a crazy adventure through the world of dreams as they seek to defeat the evil Wart

Super Mario Bros. 3

4.5
4.0
4.5
4.5

Bowser and his band of seven Koopas have captured the Princess. Mario and Luigi are on the trail and they have super new abilities.

Superman

3.0
2.5
3.0
3.0

Look! Up in the sky! High over Metropolis, Superman seeks out wrong doers. He's after Lex Luthor this time.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

The fearless foursome of comic book and TV fame fight through six wild stages on their way to save Master Splinter from the evil Shredder.

Uncle Fester's Quest

4.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

The kookiest member of the Addams Family, Uncle Fester, takes on a spaceship full of alien invaders in this fun-filled thriller

Who Framed Roger Rabbit

4.0
3.0
4.0
4.0

Roger Rabbit has done a lot of wild things but he hasn't murdered R. J. Maroon. Who did then? That's what Eddie Valiant has to find out.

Willow

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.0

An evil Sorceress, a wise old man, warriors and magic spells: these are a few of the elements of this adventure in a strange and faraway land

Wizards & Warriors

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

Kuros, a mighty sword-wielding warrior, is out to defeat Malkil the wizard. Collect jewels, food and weapons in this action adventure

Wrath of Black Manta

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

Black Manta has been called to investigate a mysterious disappearance. The Master's youngest Ninja pupil, Taro, is missing. Manta must find him.

Xexyz

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

The queens of a group of islands have been captured and are being held in the island castles. As Apollo, you must save them.

Zelda II: The Adventure of Link

4.0
3.5
4.5
4.0

Link has two of the three triforce pieces. Wisdom and Power. Now he must find Courage and release Zelda from a mysterious sleeping spell

TIPS FOR USING PASSWORDS IN ADVENTURE GAMES

Many Adventure games use a password system that allows you to continue your adventure after you have turned off your game and have come back to it. In Metroid, for example, you will be able to continue with all of the weapons and energy tanks that you have already found. In Kid Icarus you will be able to continue at the beginning of the stage that you were on with all of the items you had when you first entered that stage.

When your game is over, a series of letters and numbers will appear on the screen. This is your password. If you would like to leave the game for a while, carefully write down all of the letters and numbers on a piece of paper. You must make sure that they are all correct so, after you have written them down, check again. When you write down a password, write neatly. If you can't make out what a letter or number is, put a note next to that character. That way if your password doesn't work, you can try a different but similar letter in that space. Once you have the password written down, go ahead and turn the game off.

When you come back to the game, you will have the choice to either "Start" or "Continue". Choose "Continue" and enter the letters and numbers that you received the last time that you played. Then, press the "Start" button and you will be able to resume the game.

Sometimes, however, it seems the system doesn't work. Here are a few quick tips to help you use passwords:

Write neatly and copy carefully. These points can't be stressed enough.

Once you've written down a password, be sure to make a note near it that tells where the password will take you in the game. Many players have special notebooks to organize their passwords in.

If you're at an especially important part of the game, it's a good idea to get a back-up password. Once you have a password written down, play the game again (most games allow you to continue after giving you a password). Get a minor item and lose all your lives on purpose. You'll get another password that will take you to essentially the same place. Write that one down for insurance.

Attention to detail is essential to using passwords correctly. Keep in mind that the Game Play Counselors of most companies will not give out passwords for the simple reason that they don't have lists of them themselves. They can, however, give you helpful advice like the above on using passwords.

Role Playing Games

Role Playing Games, or R.P.G.s, were first made popular with imaginative fantasy games such as Dungeons & Dragons. In most, you control a hero or leader whose abilities are initially limited. As you gain experience, those abilities strengthen and you learn new skills, or even magic. The further you go, the more involving the game becomes. Many R.P.G.s are quest oriented, while in others you must build empires and win wars. There is seldom one right or wrong way of proceeding in these games, so strategy is often the key to success.

Conflict

4.0
3.0
4.0
4.0

VIC/2PA/BATT 3/90

Command a modern army in eight different scenarios. Support your strategy with ground and air forces, factories, cities and airfields

Defender of the Crown

3.5
2.5
3.5
4.0

ULT/1P/-- 5/89

The King is dead and his crown is the prize in a fierce power struggle. As a lord, you muster your forces, raid castles, wage war and hold tourneys.

Desert Commander

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

KEM/2PS/-- 6/89

In the dust and heat of the North African desert battle the enemy with tanks, aircraft, artillery, infantry and, most of all, strategy

Dragon Warrior

3.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

SIS/1P/BATT 7/89

The descendant of Erdrick must battle dragons, visit towns, solve puzzles, rescue a princess and, finally, defeat the evil Dragonlord.

Genghis Khan

3.0
2.5
3.5
4.0

KOEI/4PA/BATT 1/90

Conquer the Mongol Empire or the entire known world of the 13th Century. As king of a great nation you'll decide its fate in peace or war.

Nobunaga's Ambition

3.0
2.5
3.5
3.5

KOEI/8PA/BATT 6/89

As the lord of a territory in 16th Century Japan, you are fighting to become Shogun against other lords, fickle peasants and even Mother Nature

Romance of the Three Kingdoms

3.5
2.5
3.0
3.5

KOEI/8PA/BATT 10/89

Enter the turbulent past of China. As Master of generals, soldiers and peasants, you must consolidate an empire using wits, wealth and steel

Shadowgate

4.5
3.5
4.5
4.5

KEM/1P/BATT 12/89

The Castle of Shadowgate has many secrets, most of them deadly. Explore the vast maze, find and use tools. Cast spells. But mainly, stay alive!

Ultima

2.5
2.0
2.0
3.0

FCI/1P/BATT 2/89

Lord British must recruit a hero to save Sosaria. With a party of four search out the secrets of the Third Dark Age and fight to a new freedom.

Power Pad

The Power Pad opens up a whole new world of interactive play. Instead of simply exercising your thumbs you exercise your entire body. From running to aerobics, the Power Pad provides a unique mode of control for people on the go. It may take you a while to get used to the Power Pad, but once you do you'll appreciate the change of pace. These games are both fun and healthy, and that's a tough combination to beat.

Athletic World

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

Test your family's athletic ability with this combination workout and NES game. Hop a Log or run the Animal Trail; choose from five events

Dance Aerobics

4.5
3.5
3.0
4.0

A real aerobics workout is not the only activity in this game. It also has a musical game and a fun Follow-The-Leader exercise

Short Order/ Eggsplode!

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

This two-in-one Game Pak features Short Order, a fast food memory testing game, and Eggsplode!, an "eggstraordinary" action type contest

Stadium Events

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

Four different athletic events-- 110 M Dash, Long Jump, 100 M Hurdles and Triple Jump-- will really test your athletic talents. Re-released by Nintendo as World Class Track Meet

Street Cop

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

Pound the street as a beat cop in this law enforcement entertainer. You'll need a break before you finish all six wild stages

Super Team Games

3.5
3.0
3.0
4.0

This one really gives new meaning to the word "team." Up to six can play simultaneously on wacky events like the Six-Legged Race and tug-of-war

World Class Track Meet

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

Essentially the same as Stadium Events, but re-released by Nintendo to be included with the Power Set or with the Power Pad.

WORLD CLASS CONFUSION

The instruction manual for World Class Track Meet may be somewhat misleading in its explanation of how to select the number of players and enter their names.

First, make sure the normal controller is plugged into socket no. 1 and the Power Pad is in socket no. 2. Then, turn the power on. Using the hand-held controller, move the cursor on the title screen down to where it says World Class Track Meet and press the Start Button. The World Class Track Meet menu will appear. On this screen choose one of the events listed by pressing the Select Button, then press the Start Button (try 100M Dash first).

The screen will now read 1 Player(s) at the top. Near the bottom of the screen the numbers 1 thru 6 appear with an arrow under the number 1. Move this arrow under the desired number of players by using left and right on the hand held controller. Press the Select Button. Then press the Start Button. Blanks for the players' names will appear. The A and B Buttons will move the cursor left and right while the directional arrows select the letters to go in the blanks, and the Select Button enters a letter in the blank. After the names are entered, press the Start Button. This will bring up the actual game play screen. To get the game to start, the player(s) must be standing on the Power Pad. This will cause a whistle to sound. When the starter fires his gun, start running.

Action

When Action is the name of the game you can bet that the action will be fast and the challenge great. Quickness, both with the controllers and the brain, is needed to pass the many levels of these games. But the similarities end there. No category of games has as much variety of worlds and characters. Along the way you'll probably find power ups, extra lives, bonuses, and special items.

Adventures of Bayou Billy

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

KON/1P/CON 5/89

We're gonna have a good time now down on the bayou! Bayou Billy does some action packed fightin', shootin' (with a special Light Gun option) and drivin' to rescue his fair Annabelle.

Adventure of Dino-Riki

3.5
3.5
2.5
3.0

HUD/1P/CON 8/89

Join Dino-Riki in his quest to make the Earth safe for mankind. Tons of prehistoric pests will make the task difficult.

Adventure of Tom Sawyer

3.0
3.0
2.0
2.0

SET/2PA/CON 6/89

The mighty Mississippi River never saw so much action! Young Tom Sawyer must defeat the bad guys armed only with a pocket full of rocks!

Air Fortress

3.0
4.0
3.5
3.5

HAL/1P/PASS 9/89

You are the last hope of your people. Fly your space cycle into eight deadly and complex Air Fortresses, then dismount and destroy the core.

Airwolf

3.5
2.5
3.0
3.0

ACC/1P/-- 6/89

The super helicopter, Airwolf, of TV fame, is yours to command in this exciting game with flight simulator type control.

Alpha Mission

2.5
3.5
2.5
2.5

SNK/2PA/-- 10/87

An alliance of aliens has decided to make Earth its new home. As pilot of the fighter ship SYD, only you can stop them.

Amagon

3.5
3.5
2.5
2.5

AMS/1P/LC 4/89

Amagon looks like an average guy, but he can transform into Megagon, a giant strongman, when he meets up with trouble while exploring a monster infested island.

Athena

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

SNK/1P/CON 8/87

Guide the goddess Athena through one of the NES's most difficult fantasy worlds. This game tests the skill of even experienced players.

Back to the Future

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

LJN/1P/-- 9/89

Young Marty has to go back in time, and to set history right he must complete four hazardous tasks. Loosely based on the hit movie.

Bad Dudes

3.0
3.0
3.0
2.5

DAT/2PA/CON 7/89

The President has been kidnapped by Dragon Ninja. Another martial arts blockbuster with all the right moves-- punching, kicking and jumping.

Bad Street Brawler

3.0
3.5
2.5
2.5

MAT/2PA/LC 9/89

Duke, former punk rocker and world's coolest martial arts vigilante, must brawl his way through 15 stages of thug infested streets. With the Power Glove, you can pack an extra punch!

Balloon Fight

2.5
3.0
3.0
2.5

NIN/2PS/-- 6/86

Another oldie but goodie, this game is great for younger Power Players. Burst the enemy balloons and send them into the drink.

Bomberman

2.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

HUD/1P/PASS 1/89

In Bomberman, you are a little robot who has the power to place bombs. You'll need to bomb enemies and walls to escape from each level.

BreakThru

2.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

DAT/2PA/CON 11/87

Break through five enemy strongholds with your heavily armed assault vehicle. Your mission: to recover a stolen top secret fighter plane.

Bugs Bunny's Crazy Castle

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

KEM/1P/PASS 6/89

That wascally wabbit Bugs has his hands full with Sylvester and other cartoon favorites chasing him through a tricky maze. It's looney!

Bump 'N Jump

2.5
3.0
2.5
2.5

VIC/1P/-- 12/88

Bump 'N Jump your super VW bug along city country, mountain and seaside roads-- 16 courses in all. Based on the classic arcade game.

Burai Fighter

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

TAX/1P/-- 3/90

This super space action game has great graphics and stars a space marine in a powered battle suit. Three levels of difficulty make it a real challenge.

Castle of Dragon

4.0
3.0
3.0
3.5

SET/1P/-- 3/90

As an armored warrior, set out on a quest to find your captured princess who is imprisoned in a Dragon's castle. You only have one life, but a suit of armor protects you

Castlevania

4.0
3.5
4.0
4.5

KON/1P/CON 5/87

This frighteningly good game features such spooks as Frankenstein, the Grim Reaper and Count Dracula. Simon must banish Dracula's curse.

Chubby Cherub

2.5
2.0
1.5
2.0

BAN/2PA/-- 10/86

Guide the angel Chubby Cherub through a neighborhood full of mean dogs and birds A good action game for younger players.

City Connection

2.0
2.0
2.0
2.0

JAL/2PA/-- 5/88

Take a whirlwind highway tour of the world's great cities in your super powered mini-compact. Race from New York to Tokyo.

Clu Clu Land

3.0
2.0
2.0
2.5

NIN/2PS/-- 10/85

An evil Sea Urchin has stolen Clu Clu Land's precious gold bars. Weave through the land, avoiding the Sea Urchin's army of enemies and uncover the bars.

Cobra Command

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.0

DAT/1P/LC 12/88

Only a Cobra attack helicopter can succeed in this rescue mission. Helpless captives are depending on you. Power-up and go!

Cobra Triangle

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

NIN/2PA/LC 6/89

Pilot the powerful Cobra Triangle speed boat through obstacle filled rapids and sea monster infested oceans. R.C. Pro-Am like control.

Code Name: Viper

4.0
3.5
3.5
4.0

CAP/1P/PASS 3/90

Mr. Smith of special operations group Code Name: Viper must destroy the hideouts of seven drug lords in South America, rescuing hostages along the way.

Commando

3.0
3.5
2.5
3.0

CAP/2PA/CON 11/86

Super Joe goes it alone into enemy territory, armed only with a machine gun. He must fight his way through four stages of fanatical soldiers.

Contra

4.0
4.0
3.5
3.5

KON/2PS/LC 2/88

Despite the title, this game is really about an alien invasion in the Amazon Jungle. Two player simultaneous play is the only way!

Cybernoid

3.5
2.5
3.0
3.0

ACC/1P/-- 12/89

You control the Cybernoid, a space fighter loaded with weaponry, on a deadly mission to reclaim stolen treasure from space pirates.

Destination Earth Star

3.0
2.0
3.0
3.0

ACC/1P/-- 3/90

Features science fiction action with game play feel and strategy similar to Star Voyager, but with great new side view arcade sequences.

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

3.5
2.0
2.5
2.5

BAN/1P/-- 3/89

The goal of this game: get Dr. Jekyll to church and don't let Mr. Hyde get too far in his dream world. Action in a Victorian world of horror.

Double Dragon

4.5
4.5
4.5
4.5

TRA/2PA/-- 5/88

Billy Lee faces a great challenge. He must rescue his girlfriend from a gang of trained fighters led by the mysterious Shadow Boss.

Double Dragon II

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

ACC/2PS/LC 1/90

This time the Double Dragon's mission is revenge. Billy's girlfriend has been killed and only the Double Dragons can exact justice.

8 Eyes

4.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

TAX/2PS/PASS 1/90

The adventurer Orin and his falcon Cutrus must recover the eight Jewels of Power in this action game with similarities to Castlevania.

Fist of the North Star

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.0

TAX/1P/-- 3/89

The Great Bear Fist Ken of Japanese comic stardom is the hero of this martial arts game set in a post holocaust world.

Flying Dragon

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

CUL/1P/PASS 6/89

Ryuhi, a mere student of the martial arts, must use all his fighting powers to retrieve stolen scrolls with kung fu secrets on them.

Ghosts 'N Goblins

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

CAP/2PA/CON 11/86

You are Arthur, a brave knight, battling the forces of evil: Zombies, Monsters and Ghosts. Explore graveyards, ghost towns and dangerous castles.

Godzilla

4.0
3.0
3.5
4.0

TOH/1P/-- 10/89

Godzilla, the King of Monsters, along with his friend, Mothra, defends Earth against the imminent attack of the solar system's most destructive monsters.

Gradius

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

KON/2PA/LC 12/86

Command your space fighter through the ever mutating Bacterion Empire, and collect options to increase your chances of survival.

Guerilla War

3.5
4.0
3.5
3.0

SNK/2PS/CON 6/89

Powerful action with great graphics enhance this game which deals with leading a revolution against a cruel dictator

Gun.Smoke

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.5

CAP/1P/CON 2/88

Welcome to the Old West. Here's your chance to prove you're not yellow by rounding up some of the toughest bad guys since Jesse James

Hudson's Adventure Island

3.5
4.0
3.5
3.5

HUD/1P/-- 9/88

I say! Master Higgins planned on a quiet tropical vacation but, instead, he got an action-packed holiday on Adventure Island.

Ice Climber

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.5

NIN/2PS/CON 10/85

Climb an icy mountain in search of a treasure trove of frozen vegetables. You'll need to avoid all the polar animals that block your way.

Ikari Warriors

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

SNK/2PS/LC 5/87

Introducing Paul and Vince, new age warriors on the job against an evil empire. Blast the opposition with your machine guns and grenades.

Ikari Warriors II: Victory Road

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

SNK/2PS/LC 4/88

This action packed sequel has Paul and Vince defending Earth against an alien invasion. It has a slightly different game play viewpoint.

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

3.0
2.5
3.0
3.0

MIN/1P/CON 12/88

Help Dr. Indiana Jones make his way through the Temple of Doom in this game based on the hit movie

Infiltrator

3.5
2.5
3.5
4.0

MIN/1P/-- 12/89

In this secret agent type mission, you have a limited amount of time to fly into enemy territory and infiltrate their base

Iron Tank

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.5

SNK/1P/PASS 7/88

You are at the spearhead of the Normandy invasion in a top secret super tank. Collect weapons to make your tank almost invincible.

Jackal

3.5
3.5
4.0
4.0

KON/2PS/LC 8/89

Remember Rat Patrol and the cool jeeps they drove that had machine guns on them? Get ready to drive mean jeeps like those in this military mission action game.

Jaws

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

LJN/1P/-- 12/87

The great white shark, Jaws, is ruining the tourist industry in your town. It is your mission to stop his man-eating rampage.

Karate Kid

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

LJN/2PA/-- 12/87

You are Daniel-San, student of the martial arts. Fight one-on-one against Chozen or battle your way through four dangerous stages.

Karnov

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

DAT/2PA/CON 1/88

Karnov, the Russian fire-breathing circus strongman, must fight his way through nine challenging stages full of mythical creatures.

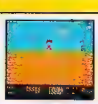
Kid Kool

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

VIC/1P/CON 3/90

Kid Kool, the cleverest kid in the kingdom, is off on a mission from his ill king to find the seven herbs that will restore his highness to health.

Kid Niki



2.0
3.0
2.0
2.0

DAT/2PA/CON 12/87

Radical ninja action! Kid Nikki has to rescue Princess Margo from enemies like the Stone Buddha, the Green Grub and the Mad Monk.

King's Knight

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.5

SQA/1P/-- 10/89

Four brave adventurers-- a knight, a wizard, a thief and a monster, join forces to battle fearsome creatures and discover the secrets of their world.

Knight Rider

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.5

ACC/1P/-- 12/89

Take the wheel of K.I.T.T., the ultimate crime-busting vehicle. Great action from the viewpoint of the K.I.T.T. car's driver's seat.

Kung Fu

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.5

NIN/2PA/-- 10/85

This is the original NES kung fu action game that inspired so many others. Thomas, martial arts master, must rescue his girlfriend from Mr. X.

Kung Fu Heroes

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

CUL/2PS/-- 2/89

Bubble headed kung fu kids go against bizzare enemies like the Bison Brothers. This game is good for younger players and was a hit in Japan.

The Legend of Kage

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

TAI/2PA/-- 8/87

Kage is a ninja warrior whose task it is to rescue Princess Kiri from the evil warlord Yoshi.

Legendary Wings

4.0
3.5
3.5
3.5

CAP/2PS/LC 7/88

Take flight for adventure over a strange world. The unfolding alien vista contains some of the strangest spectacles in video games.

Life Force

3.0
4.0
3.5
3.0

KON/2PS/LC 10/88

Enter the hostile environment of the living planet Zelos. End this planet-eating threat with your sleek space destroyer.

Mach Rider

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.0

NIN/1P/-- 10/85

Earth is losing its struggle against ruthless space scavengers. On your super bike, zip past obstacles and defeat aliens before they take over.

Magmax

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

FCI/2PA/-- 9/88

Assemble a giant warrior robot from parts strewn across a strange planet's surface. Based on the arcade game of the same name.

Marvel's X-Men

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

LJN/2PS/-- 12/89

Comic fandom's favorite characters, the Uncanny X-Men, finally blast their way to the NES! Choose from four different missions.

Mickey Mousecapade

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.0

CAP/1P/CON 10/88

Disney's Mickey Mouse gets himself into all kinds of adventures in this action packed game. It's great fun for kids of all ages.

Mighty Bomb Jack

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

TEC/1P/-- 7/87

Find your way through the 16 Royal Palace Rooms to Beelzebut's Pyramid to save the King, Queen and Princess.

Monster Party

3.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

BAN/1P/PASS 6/89

Bert, a good monster, has recruited Mark, a boy from Earth, to help him save his distant planet which has been overrun by evil monsters.

Mystery Quest

3.0
3.0
3.5
3.0

TAX/1P/CON 4/89

Hao is a happy little hero who must journey through four castles and find hidden items by shooting magical musical bubbles.

1942

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

CAP/2PA/CON 11/86

It's World War II and the battle of the Pacific is raging. Your mission: penetrate the 32 levels of defenses surrounding Tokyo.

1943

3.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

CAP/1P/PASS 9/88

In this sequel to 1942, you also fly a P-38 Lightning, but your plane has been modified to carry more powerful weapons.

Ninja Kid

2.5
3.0
2.0
2.0

BAN/1P/-- 10/86

Junior defender of human rights, Ninja Kid must infiltrate the four fighting fields of Demon Castle and save the souls of his people

Phantom Fighter

3.5
2.5
3.0
3.0

FCI/1P/-- 3/90

Evil zombies called Kyonshies are attacking villages and it is up to Kenchi, a fighter with awesome martial arts potential, to stop them.

Pinball

3.0
3.0
3.0
2.5

NIN/2PA/-- 10/85

Be a pinball wizard with your NES! Although this is one of the first NES games, it is still a favorite of many players

Platoon

3.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

SUN/1P/LC 10/88

Troop through enemy filled jungles, villages, tunnels, bunkers and fox holes. Combat action inspired by the award winning film.

P.O.W.

4.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

SNK/1P/CON 10/89

Being captured by terrorists is all part of the master plan to infiltrate and destroy their organization. Fight your way to freedom and victory

Predator

4.0
3.0
3.5
3.5

ACT/1P/CON 4/89

Soon the hunt will begin. Alien killers are on the loose. But little do they know that Man is the most dangerous game. He hunts back!

Puss 'N Boots

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.0

ELE/2PA/-- 1/90

This action game, which is loosely based on the fairy tale of the cat that wore boots is a good choice for a younger player's first action game because of its simplicity

Raid on Bungling Bay

2.0
2.5
2.5
2.5

BRO/2PA/-- 9/87

The tiny Bungling Empire is designing a war machine to take over the Earth. Destroy the six alien factories to foil their plans.

Renegade

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

TAI/2PA/-- 1/88

Thugs are on the rampage and it's up to you to take them out with the trash! Intense street fighting action with plenty of martial arts moves.

Rescue: The Embassy Mission

4.0
2.5
3.5
3.5

KEM/1P/-- 1/90

You plan the strategy and execute the action for a tough commando mission rescuing hostages from an embassy held by fanatics.

RoboCop

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.5

DAT/1P/LC 12/89

The future of law enforcement, RoboCop, has arrived for the NES. Meet thugs, kidnappers and renegade robots in your quest for justice

Rock 'N Ball

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

NTV/6PA/-- 1/90

This one features four kinds of video pinball--standard, battle, sports, and bingo. Six players with different flippers add to your choices.

Rush 'N Attack

3.5
3.5
3.5
3.0

KON/2PS/-- 4/87

Your secret orders are to infiltrate enemy lines and rescue American P.O.W.s. Fight through six challenging stages of commando action.

Section Z

3.5
3.0
3.5
3.0

CAP/1P/LC 7/87

Strap on your battle spacesuit and defend Earth from alien invasion. Earth is depending on you to puzzle your way through Section Z.

Seicross

2.5
3.0
2.5
2.5

FCI/2PA/-- 9/88

Drive your super powered cycle through the obstacle filled freeways of the future, and rescue your city's citizens from alien menaces

720°

3.0
3.5
3.0
3.5

MIN/1P/LC 12/89

Yo skateheads! Grab your helmets and decks and hit the streets! Get ready to rip it up on ramps, pools and killer downhill runs.

Silent Service

3.5
3.0
4.0
4.0

ULT/1P/-- 3/90

Command an allied submarine patrolling the South Pacific during World War II. Action combined with in-depth strategy are yours in the first NES submarine simulation.

Skate or Die

3.5
3.0
3.0
3.5

ULT/2PAS/-- 12/88

Skate wooden ramps, empty pools and roads full of shreddable obstacles. Five different events to test your "bio" skate moves.

Sky Kid

2.5
2.5
2.0
2.0

SUN/2PS/CON 9/87

Travel back to the era of wooden biplanes as the dreaded ace The Red Baron. Dogfight action in the not-so-friendly skies of World War I

Sky Shark

3.5
4.0
3.0
3.0

TAI/2PA/LC 8/89

Take control of a World War II P-40 and fly into enemy territory defended by tanks, planes and ships. You are the only hope of American P.O.W.s.

Snoopy

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

KEM/2PS/-- 3/90

Good grief! Snoopy and his brother Spike travel to Rome to compete in a comical Olympic competition with events like sack race, boot throwing and pogo.

Spelunker

2.5
2.0
2.0
2.0

BRO/1P/-- 9/87

Explore the largest pyramid ever built in search of King Tut-tut's treasure. You'll need all your cave exploration skills to succeed.

Spy Vs. Spy

3.5
2.0
2.0
2.5

KEM/2PS/-- 10/88

Those outrageous Spies from MAD magazine bring their hijinks to the NES. Reach new heights of booby-trappery in the two player mode

Sqoon

2.5
3.0
2.0
2.0

IRE/1P/-- 9/87

The Neptunians have invaded Earth and intend to melt the polar ice caps, flooding the planet. The continents are sinking! S.O.S.!

Starforce

2.5
3.0
3.0
2.0

TEC/1P/-- 11/87

Outer space action against a large variety of alien menaces. Blast your way through 24 intense levels of alien assaults.

Star Soldier

3.5
3.5
3.0
2.0

TAX/1P/-- 1/89

Unusual action allows you to pass beneath the background, temporarily obscuring your ship in this space game that is reminiscent of Zanac.

Star Voyager

2.5
2.0
2.5
3.5

ACC/1P/-- 11/87

This game combines strategy with fast action. Command a single high-tech fighter against the nine squadrons of the Molok armada.

Stealth ATF

3.5
4.0
4.5
4.5

ACT/2PA/-- 9/89

America's top fighter, the Stealth, is yours to control in this flight simulator game. Play control is realistic; you'll feel like you're really flying.

Stinger

3.0
3.0
2.5
2.5

KON/2PS/-- 9/87

The enemies are cute but that doesn't make them any more friendly in this fast action save-the-planet thriller

Super C

4.0
4.0
4.0
4.0

KON/2PS/LC 3/90

The long awaited sequel to "Contra" has the same great graphics, action and two player simultaneous play that made its forerunner so popular.

Super Mario Bros.

4.5
4.0
4.5
4.5

NIN/2PA/CON 10/85

Mario and Luigi's first voyage to the Mushroom Kingdom has become a lasting NES classic. Unique game play still enchants players everywhere.

Super Pitfall

2.5
2.5
2.5
2.5

ACT/2PA/CON 11/88

Guide Pitfall Harry through 270 maze-like screens to rescue his niece Rhonda and cat Quickclaw. They're lost in Andean caves

Target: Renegade

4.0
3.0
3.0
3.0

TAI/1P/-- 3/90

This sequel to Renegade has the same moves, but challenging new bullies and thugs against which to use them

Terra Cresta

3.5
4.0
4.0
3.5

VIC/2PA/-- 3/90

Fly your Winger ship over a science fiction landscape overrun by hostile aliens. A design mode lets you customize your ship.

3-D WorldRunner

3.0
4.0
2.5
3.0

ACC/1P/LC 9/87

As the mighty WorldRunner, run, jump and blast your way through a 3-D panorama full of bottomless pits and hostile Serpentbeasts.

The Three Stooges

4.5
3.5
4.0
4.5

ACT/2PA/-- 9/89

Larry, Curly and Moe bring their stooge hijinks to the NES. Choose from a variety of shenanigans and activities.

Thundercade

3.0
3.5
2.5
2.5

AMS/2PS/LC 7/89

Ride your high performance combat motorcycle through the defenses of nuclear terrorists. Call on air support when the going gets tough.

Tiger-Heli

2.5
3.0
2.0
2.0

ACC/1P/CON 10/87

With endless firepower, Tiger-Heli is the ultimate stealth helicopter. In a rush of wild action, blow up everything to win!

Top Gun

3.5
4.0
4.0
4.0

KON/1P/-- 11/87

Your mission is to fly a powerful F-14 Tomcat into enemy territory and destroy missiles, planes and ships. Can you live up to being a Top Gun?

Top Gun II: The Second Mission

3.5
3.5
4.0
3.5

KON/2PS/-- 12/89

This sequel features great graphics and an intense split screen two player simultaneous jet dog-fight mode. Get ready to rock and roll!

Trojan

3.5
3.5
3.0
3.0

CAP/2PA-S/CON 2/87

As a post holocaust warrior, fight your way through gangs of mutants in a future world to rescue your captured people. Adventure Ho!

Twin Cobra

3.5
4.0
3.0
3.0

AMS/2PS/LC 1/90

Dual cannon equipped helicopters take to the skies for battle with hostile alien forces in this military mission

Twin Eagles

2.5
3.5
3.0
2.5

ROM/2PS/LC 9/89

The Twin Eagles are state of the art battle helicopters, fighting their way through five stages of tough terrorist defenses.

Urban Champion

2.5
2.5
1.5
1.5

NIN/2PS/-- 6/86

Put up your dukes! Beat up the neighborhood bullies and bring peace back to your block. Watch out for cops, they don't like vigilantes!

Wrecking Crew

3.0
3.0
2.5
3.0

NIN/2PA/-- 10/85

Mario and Luigi are in the destruction business. But not only can they tear down buildings, they can build them with a programmable feature.

Zanac

3.0
3.5
2.5
2.0

FCI/1P/CON 12/88

A great science fiction shoot-em-up with 12 stages of challenges. You have 8 special weapons to help you on your way.

ACTION

Continue codes (or special sequences of commands that let you continue where you left off) are a source of frustration to some players because they can be tricky to enter. The fact of the matter is that continue codes (and stage select codes) often take practice to use since they must be done quickly and accurately to work. For example, the 30 man code in Contra must be entered in its entirety before the title screen comes on!

Although Action games vary a lot in subject matter, most of them challenge your reflexes and gaming skill, not your brain power. In almost every case, there is no trick to an easy victory; only practice will allow you to prevail. But once you learn the pattern of an enemy attack in a game, you'll be able to beat that game every time.

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